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JOINT RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO COERCION.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas,

That in view of the exigencies of the times, we deem it proper to declare, that when the sovereign States of this Confederacy entered into the compact of the Union, they delegated to the Federal Government no power to compel, by force of arms, obedience by the States to the Federal authority; but on the contrary, such power was expressly denied. That the employment, therefore, of force by the Federal Government to compel any State of this Union to perform its obligations under the Federal compact, or to compel a State against the will of its people to remain a member of the Confederacy, is in violation of the Constitution, a dangerous usurpation of power, destructive of the right of free government and fatal to the existence of the Union itself, which formed of equal and independent sovereignties cannot be as between conquering States and subjugated provinces. That should, (as we have serious reason to apprehend may be in the present condition of the Union,) the Federal Government attempt to coerce any of our sister States of the South, by force of arms, into subjection to Federal rule, we assure such States of the sympathies of our people, and that we shall make common cause with them in resisting by all means and to the last extremity such unconstitutional violence and tyrannical usurpation of power.

Passed February 1, A. D. 1861.

M. D. K. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

EDWARD CLARK,
President of the Senate

JOINT RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO THE

ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF

MISSISSIPPI TO THE UNION

APPROVED

BY THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

ON

THE 23RD DAY OF

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